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C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 1750

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PN, PQ

SUBJ: UNSC MEETING

1) SUMMARY: CHILEAN AMB TOLD ME AT LUNCH TODAY THAT HE CONSIDERED CHILE' S ROLE IN UNSC MEETING IN PANAMA ONE OF MODERATION. CHILE DID SUPPORT PANAMA' S ASPIRATIONS ON SOVEREIGNTY BUT OTHERWISE CHILE SOUGHT TO AVOID INVOLVING ITSELF IN ANY MOVE TO DICTATE A SOLUTION TO THE PARTIES. I AGREED WITH AMB THAT CHILE' S ROLE HAD BEEN MODERATE AND THAT IN FACT THE U. S. AND CHILE WERE IN AGREEMENT ON RESPECT FOR TREATIES.

2) CHILEAN AMB AND I DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH, BEFORE LUNCHEON MEETING WHICH BOTH OF US ATTEND, UNSC MEETING AND ITS AFTERMATH. I SAID WE HAD VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT OF THE UNSC DICTATING BILATERAL SETTLEMENTS, BUT WE WERE PREPARED TO CONCLUDE A TREATY WHICH WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE JUST ASPIRATIONS OF PANAMA AND ALSO SATISFY THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. I ALSO SAID THAT I COULD NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND PERU' S POSITION ON TREATIES IN VIEW OF PERU' S STRONG POSITION THAT IT WANTS TO MAINTAIN IN PERPETUITY THE BOUNDARY TREATY IT HAS WITH  
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ECUADOR. THE CHILEAN AMB SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE REASON FOR OUR VETO.

3) THE CHILEAN AMB SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE HEARINGS IN WASHINGTON ON THE ITT CASE AND WELCOMED THE FACT THAT THIS HEARING HAD BROUGHT OUT THAT THE USG OPPOSED ANY INTERVENTION IN CHILEAN AFFAIRS BY A U. S. COMPANY.

4) THE CHILEAN AMB EXPRESSED AMAZEMENT AT TORRIJOS' SPEECH IN SANTIAGO ( PANAMA 1687), AND SAID THAT IN CHILE SUCH A SPEECH WOULD HAVE BROUGHT DOWN ON THE GOVERNMENT' S HEAD THE WRATH OF CONGRESS AND THE CHURCH. HE REGARDED THE SPEECH AS CRUDE AND UNBECOMING A HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. I AGREED WITH HIM THAT IT WAS AN UNUSUAL SPEECH AND WENT ON TO OBSERVE THAT I THOUGHT TORRIJOS HAD MORE THAN THE TWO ALTERNATIVES " TO BE CASTRATED OR BE A CASTROITE." I THOUGHT HE HAD THE ALTERNATIVE OF BEING A PANAMANIAN.

5) THE CHILEAN AMB EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PANAMA' S INTERNAL SITUATION. ALTHOUGH HE MENTIONED INFLATION AND OTHER PROBLEMS HE WAS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE DETERIORATING AGRICULTURAL SITUATION. HE NOTED THAT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION HAD DROPPED SIGNIFICIANTLY HE SPECULATED THAT PRIMARY REASON FOR TORRIJOS' STRIDENT POSITION WAS TO COVER UP FOR FAILURES DOMESTICALLY. HE THOUGHT THAT IF U. S. COULD DO SOMETHING THAT WOULD RESPOND IN SOME MEANINGFUL WAY TO PANAMA' S DESIRE FOR MORE VISIBLE RECOGNITION OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY THAT IT WOULD " TAKE THE FLAG AWAY FROM TORRIJOS THAT HE IS NOW WAVING." SAYRE

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